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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT, AR

SUBJECT: LUDER RECEIVES LETTER BOMB

- 1. A PACKAGE DESCRIBED IN PRESS REPORTS AS A LETTER BOMB EXPLODED IN SENATE BUILDING ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 16. THE BOMB WENT OFF AS THE MAIL CLERK WAS PREPARING TO DISTRIBUTE THE DAY'S MAIL.
- 2. ITALO LUDER, NEWLY ELECTED SENATE PRESIDENT, WAS THE OBJECT OF ATTACK. FOLLOWING EXPLOSION SENATE OFFICIALS TOLD NEWSMEN THAT LUDER, SINCE HIS ELECTION TO POST, HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF ANONYMOUS THREATS AGAINST HIM. LUDER IS REPORTEDLY BEING GUARDED BY SECURITY DETAIL COMPOSED OF RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS.
- 3. OTHER SENATORS HAVE ALSO REPORTED THREATS AGAINST THEM, SEVERAL TAKING FLOOR OF SENATE TO DENOUNCE THOSE MAKING THREATS. SENATE SECURITY OFFICE HAS ISSUED MEMORANDUM DETAILING STEPS SENATORS SHOULD TAKE TO ENHANCE THEIR PERSONAL SECURITY.

COMMENT: EMB POLITICAL SOURCES UNANIMOUS IN SAYING LOPEZ REGA IS BEHIND THESE THREATS. IF LOPEZ REGA BEHIND THREATS AND BOMBING, EFFECT OF INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS OPPONENTS FEARFUL OF PERSONAL SAFETY AND NOW FEEL

THEY MUST STEP UP EFFORTS TO GET HIM OUT OF COUNTRY. HILL	
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